

A C^N Cycloplatinated(II) Fluorido Complex: Photophysical Studies and Csp³–F Bond Formation

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Abstract

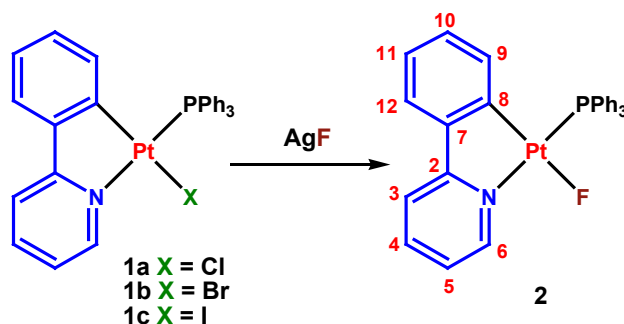
This work reports the synthesis and characterization of a new C^N-based cycloplatinated(II) fluorido complex [Pt(ppy)(PPh₃)F] (**2**, ppy = 2-phenylpyridinate), involving a Pt–F bond. The new complex is highly luminescent in green area with a high quantum yield of 94.6% at 77K. A comparison study of the heavier of halogen derivatives reveals a descending emission quantum yield order of F > Cl > Br > I. Time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) calculations ascribe the decreased emission efficiency to the decreasing trend of ILCT transition from F to I, which accounts for the major radiative pathway. Besides, **2** is capable of the Csp³–F bond formation of alkyl halides at room temperature.

Introduction

Halide ions are among the most common ligands used for stabilizing transition metals. The size, σ -bond donation ability, *trans* effect, and bond strengths to low oxidation metals increase down the group, while the π -bond donation and bond strength to high oxidation state metals decrease.¹

As a result, transition metal complexes usually show interesting halide effect in reactivity and properties such as luminescence. While transition metal complexes with Cl, Br, and I ligands are very common, the F containing analogues are much less available, especially for late transition metals cations in low oxidation states,²⁻⁵ thus preventing a complete study across the group. For example, halide ligands (Cl, Br, I) have been shown to largely influence the emission properties of Pt(II)⁶⁻⁹, Pt(IV)^{10, 11}, and Cu(I)¹²⁻¹⁵ complexes. The scarcity of transition metal fluorido complexes is largely due to their high reactivity and the limited synthetic methods, as predicted by the hard/soft acid–base theory that the fluoride ion (hard base) is mismatched with soft acid such as Pt(II), Pd(II), Au(I).¹⁶

Our groups have been actively studying cycloplatinated complexes due to their intriguing photophysical and biological properties.¹⁷⁻²² Some Pt(II)²³⁻²⁸ and Pt(IV)²⁹⁻³⁷ fluoride complexes are known in literature, however, cycloplatinated complexes bearing a Pt–F bond are unprecedented.³⁸⁻⁴⁰ To the best of our knowledge, only one report discussed the halide effect on the photophysical properties of Pt(IV) complexes involving all the F, Cl, Br, and I ligands.¹⁰ A systematic investigation of the halide effect on the photophysical properties of Pt(II) is not available. Herein, we report the synthesis, photophysical properties and reactivity of a C[^]N-based cycloplatinated(II) complex with a fluorido ligand.



Scheme 1. Preparation route for **2**. The NMR labeling for **2** are shown.

Results and Discussion

Synthesis and Structural Characterization

The Pt fluoro complex [Pt(ppy)(PPh₃)F] (**2**, ppy = 2-phenylpyridinate) was efficiently synthesized through F/X exchange from its heavier halogen counterparts [Pt(ppy)(PPh₃)X] (**1**, X = Cl, **1a**; Br, **1b**; I, **1c**)^{41, 42} using AgF as the fluoride source (Scheme 1, yield > 85%). The halide metathesis reaction was performed in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature with 1.4 equiv. AgF (see the Experimental Section for details).

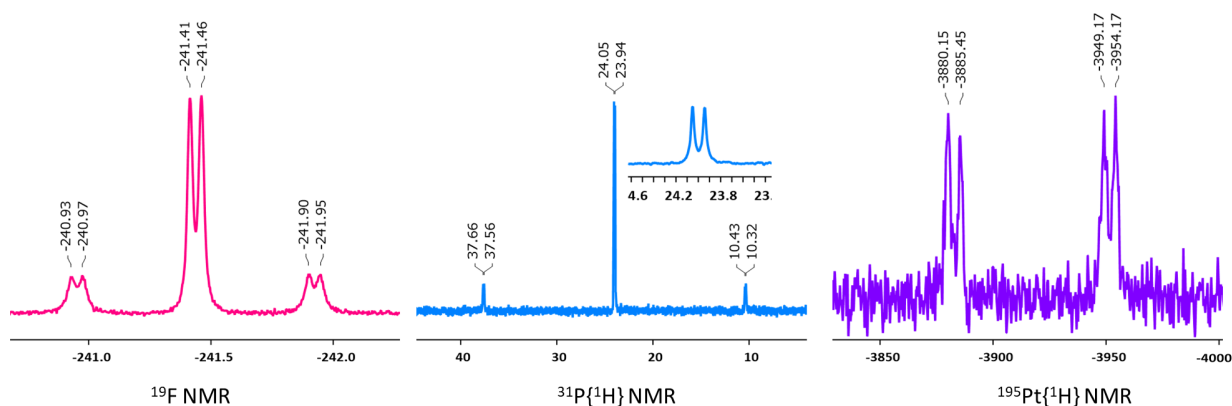


Figure 1. Heteronuclear NMR spectra of **2** in CD₂Cl₂.

The successful formation of **2** with Pt–F bond was first identified using the multinuclear 1D (Figures 1 and S1–S5) and 2D (Figures S6–S8) NMR spectroscopy. The ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of **2** shows a sharp doublet signal (²J_{PF} = 17 Hz) flanked by Pt satellites (¹J_{PtF} = 340 Hz) at δ = -241.4 ppm providing direct evidence of Pt–F bonding. Correspondingly, a doublet signal appears in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **2** (δ = 24.0 ppm) which has a ²J_{PF} coupling constant of 17 Hz consistent with that observed from ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy (Figure 1). This doublet signal has Pt satellites with ¹J_{PtP} = 4406 Hz which is normal for direct Pt–P bonds in Pt(II) complexes.^{17, 21, 42} Expectedly, the corresponding ¹⁹⁵Pt{¹H} NMR spectrum includes a sharp doublet of doublet

signal at $\delta = -3917$ ppm ($^1J_{\text{PtP}} = 4411$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{PtF}} = 342$ Hz) due to the coupling with both the coordinated P and F atoms, respectively.

The HR-ESI-Mass spectrum of **2** (Figure S9) shows the isotope pattern for the $[\text{M-F}]^+$ moiety ($m/z = 611.1206$). Finally, the molecular structure of **2** was unambiguously characterized by single crystal X-ray crystallography (Figure 2). The crystal structure of **2** clearly indicates that the fluoro ligand is directly bound to the Pt center and located *trans* to the ligating C atom of the ppy ligand. The bond length of Pt–F is 2.042 Å, in the typical range of tetracoordinated platinum fluoro complexes.^{23–28} The platinum adopts a distorted-square-planar coordination geometry with angles ranging from 81.38 to 98.88°; the maximum deviation from the mean plane through PtCNPF is 0.018 Å. The fluoro ligand involves hydrogen bonding interactions with co-crystallized CH_2Cl_2 solvent⁴³ (1.950 Å, Figure 2), H⁶ of ppy ligand⁴² (2.306 Å), and one hydrogen from PPh_3 (2.209 Å) of the vicinal molecule. These interactions are much shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii of H and F (2.68 Å)^{44–47} (Figure S10).

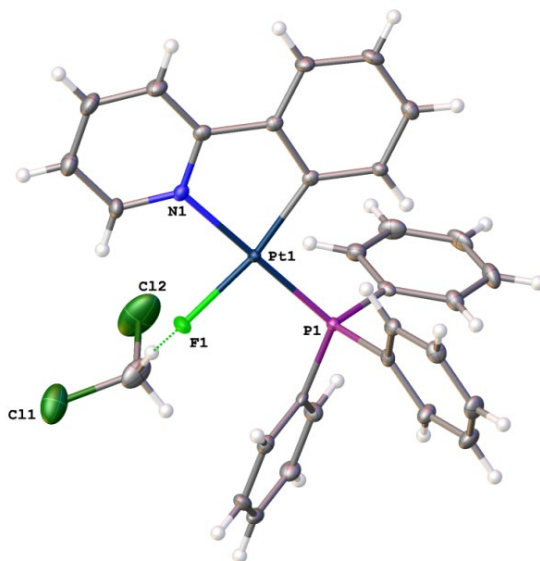


Figure 2. Molecular structure of **2**· CH_2Cl_2 . Ellipsoids are drawn at a 50% probability level. The crystallographic data and the selected bond lengths and angles are collected in Tables S1 and S2.

Photophysical Properties

The fluoro complex **2** is highly emissive in green area in different states and temperature conditions. In solid state at 298 K, **2** gives a completely structured emission band centered at 490 nm with a vibronic progression at 523 nm and a shoulder at around 560 nm, indicating a large composition of ³ILCT with small contribution of ³MLCT in the emissive state (Figure S11). The lifetime of **2** was measured to be 11.6 μ s, confirming the phosphorescence character of the emission. By lowering the temperature down to 77 K, **2** exhibits a much brighter emission with a significant increase in quantum yield (Φ) from 53.1 to 94.6%. There is no tangible change in the wavelength and shape of the emission band at 77 K compared to that of at room temperature (Figure S12). In CH₂Cl₂ solution state at 298 K, **2** keeps its emission in green region (Φ = 8.4%), yielding a structured emission band with a slight blue shift compared with that of the solid state (Figure S13). The emission band of the frozen solution (77 K) appears at 480 nm with a slight blue shift and more structured shape compared with that of at 298 K (Figure S14).

Table 1. Numerical data of the emission properties of **1a**, **1b** and **2**.

Complex	λ_{em}/nm (λ_{ex}/nm)	$\tau/\mu s$	$\Phi(\%)$	k_r^a	k_{nr}^a
2	490 ^{max} , 522, 560 ^{sh} (350), Solid (298 K)	11.6	53.1	4.56 $\times 10^4$	4.06 $\times 10^4$
	493 ^{max} , 529, 560 ^{sh} (350), Solid (77 K)	21.5	94.6	4.40 $\times 10^4$	0.25 $\times 10^4$
	485 ^{max} , 518, 555 ^{sh} (350), 10 ⁻³ M (298 K)	2.3	8.4	3.65 $\times 10^4$	39.8 $\times 10^4$
	480 ^{max} , 516, 551 ^{sh} (350), 10 ⁻³ M (77 K)	16.5	88.1	4.67 $\times 10^4$	1.39 $\times 10^4$
1a	487, 522 ^{max} , 554 ^{sh} (350), Solid (298 K)	7.2	47.0	6.52 $\times 10^4$	7.36 $\times 10^4$
1b	487, 522 ^{max} , 554 ^{sh} (350), Solid (298 K)	6.9	31.0	4.49 $\times 10^4$	10.0 $\times 10^4$

^a k_r and k_{nr} were calculated according to the equations $k_r = \Phi/\tau$ and $k_{nr} = (1/\tau) - k_r$ respectively.

Interestingly, in solid state the similar emission bands but with decreased intensities were observed from **2** to **1c** (F to I), while **1c** is practically non-emissive (Figure 3 and Table 1). The descending trend of Φ values for **2** (53.1%), **1a** (47.0%) and **1b** (31.0%) certifies this observation. This was supported by the obtained non-radiative rate constants (k_{nr}) of the

complexes (**2** [4.06×10^4], **1a** [7.36×10^4] and **1b** [10.0×10^4]) which are on the increase from **2** to **1b**.

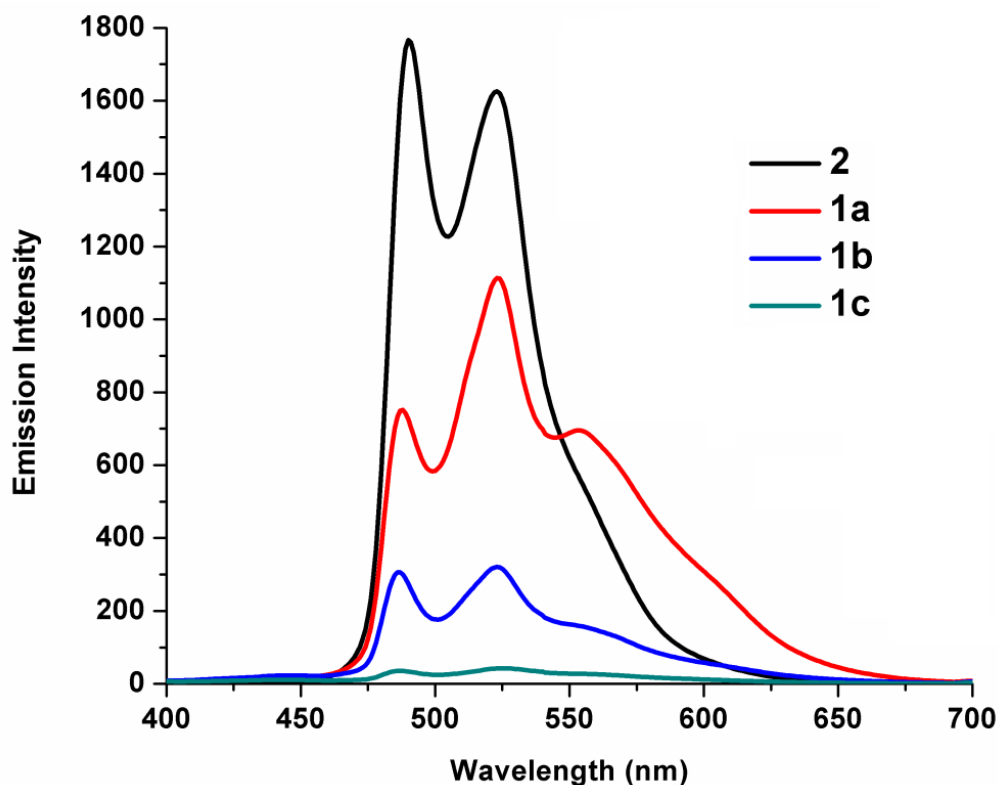


Figure 3. The emission spectra of **1a–c** and **2** in solid state at 298 K (excitation wavelength = 350 nm).

To investigate the nature of electronic transitions, the UV-vis spectra were obtained for **2** and **1a–c** in CH_2Cl_2 (Figures 4 and S15, Table S3). Density Functional Theory (DFT) and Time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) calculation methods were carried out for better understanding of the ground and excited states. All complexes were optimized in CH_2Cl_2 solution and gas phase (considered as solid state). Besides, their DFT-optimized structures (Figure S16) and the selected geometrical parameters (Table S4) are given in the Supporting Information. Then, the frontier molecular orbitals (MOs) involving “HOMO to HOMO-5” and “LUMO to LUMO+5” were calculated for all the complexes (Tables S5–S8 and visual plots in Figures S17–S20). In all the

cases, HOMO is mostly localized on the Pt, ppy and halogen moieties, of which the contribution of halogen ligand increases from F to I. However, LUMO is remarkably centered on the ppy ligand (around 88%). The contribution of PPh₃ is negligible in HOMO and LUMO levels but it considerably becomes more in lower HOMOs and higher LUMOs.

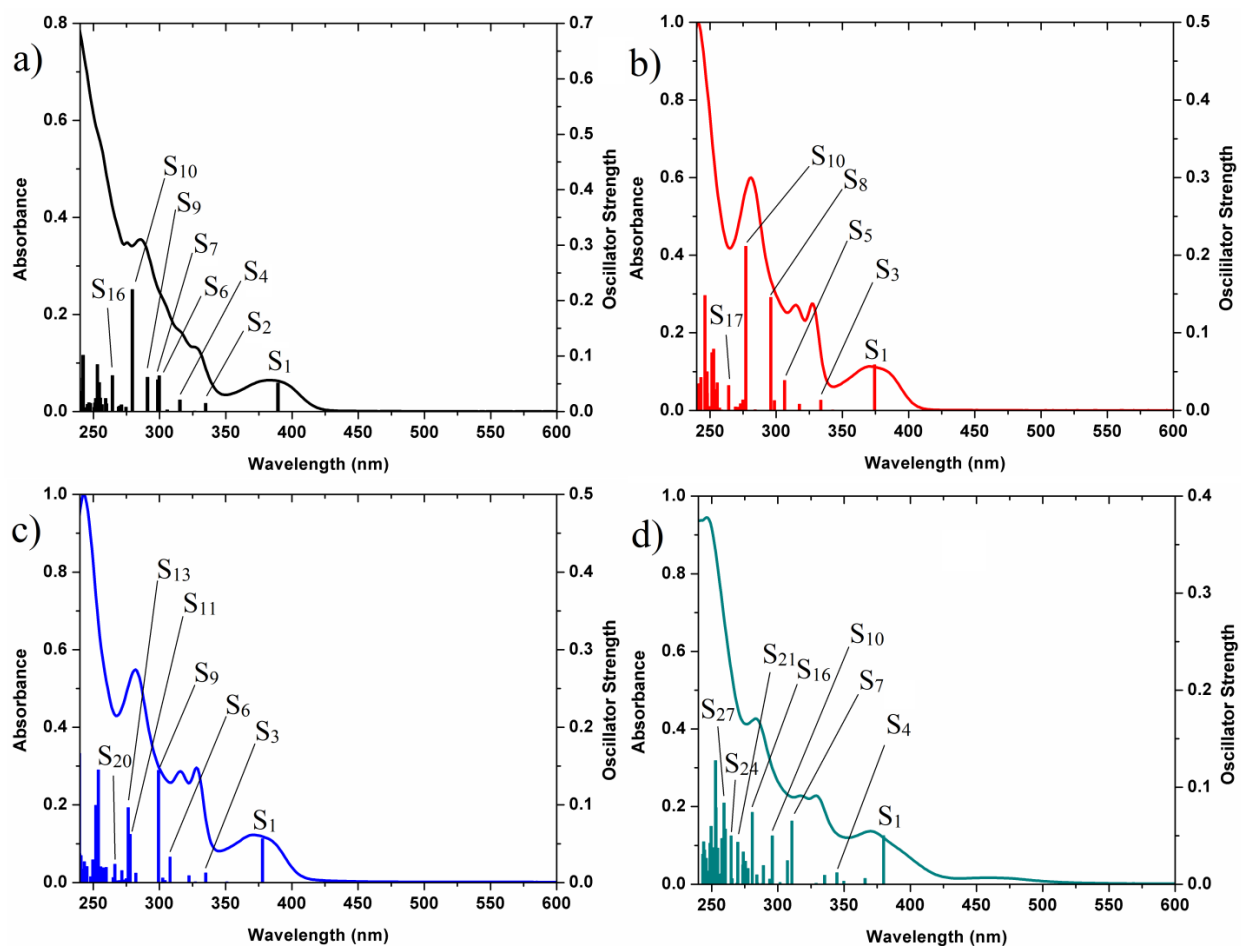


Figure 4. Overlaid experimental UV-vis spectra and theoretical TD-DFT bars for (a) **2**, (b) **1a**, (c) **1b** and (d) **1c**.

TD-DFT calculated electronic transitions are in good agreement with the experimental UV-vis absorption spectra for all the complexes (Figure 4). The low energy region 350–425 nm is related to the $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ excited state which is mainly contributed by the HOMO \rightarrow LUMO transition (> 90%). This region is assigned as the mixed $^1\text{ILCT}/^1\text{MLCT}$ and $^1\text{XLCT}$ (L = ppy, X = halides)

characters. In compliance with the experimental data, the low energy bands in **2**, being attributed to the HOMO→LUMO transition, is red shifted in relation to those of the other derivatives (Figure S21). For the more intense absorbing high energy band (250–350 nm), in addition to ILCT, MLCT, and XLCT, some other characters like ML'CT, LL'CT, L'LCT and XL'CT (L' = PPh₃) can be observed, indicating the important role of PPh₃ as the beginning or destination of the electronic transitions (Tables S9–S12).

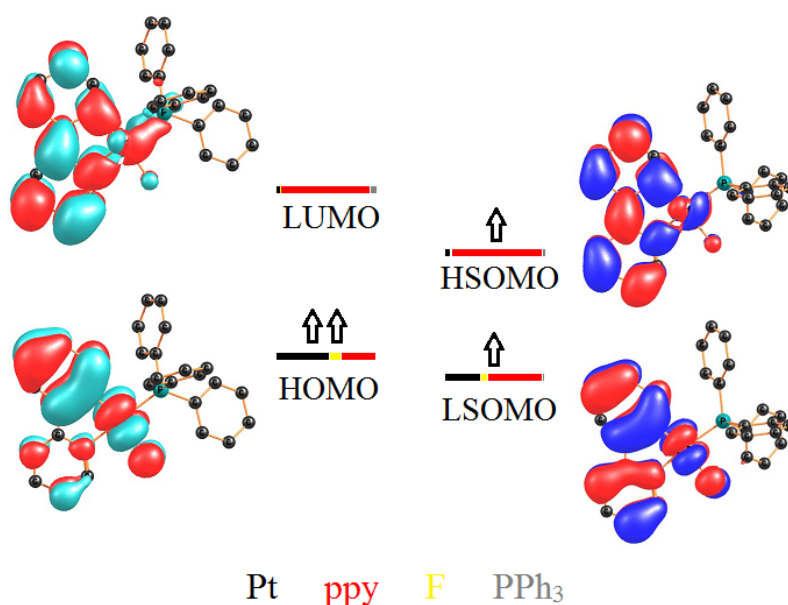


Figure 5. Frontier molecular orbital plots of the calculated S₀ (left) and T₁ (right) states of **2**.

The theoretical emission wavelengths were calculated for **2**, **1a** and **1b**, using the energy gap between the optimized structures of S₀ and T₁ states in gas phase. The calculated energy gaps between S₀ and T₁ are 2.516 (**2**), 2.595 (**1a**) and 2.579 (**1b**) eV, corresponding to an emission wavelength of 493, 478, and 481 nm, respectively. These theoretical emissions are very close to the corresponding experimental values at 298 K (Table 1). To obtain further insight into the nature of the emissions, the frontier molecular orbitals were calculated for S₀ (HOMO and LUMO) and T₁ (LSOMO and HSOMO) states in the gas phase. Figure 5 depicts the HOMO-

LUMO and LSOMO-HSOMO energy levels diagram for **2** while those of **1a** and **1b** are shown in Figures S22 and S23, respectively, and summarized in Table 2. For **2**, LSOMO is close to HOMO in terms of composition and energy. HSOMO also resembles LUMO (both localized on ppy moiety) but with a significant stabilization in energy. By looking at the LSOMO and HSOMO plots, the mixed $^3\text{ILCT}/^3\text{MLCT}/^3\text{XLCT}$ character can be concluded for the complexes.

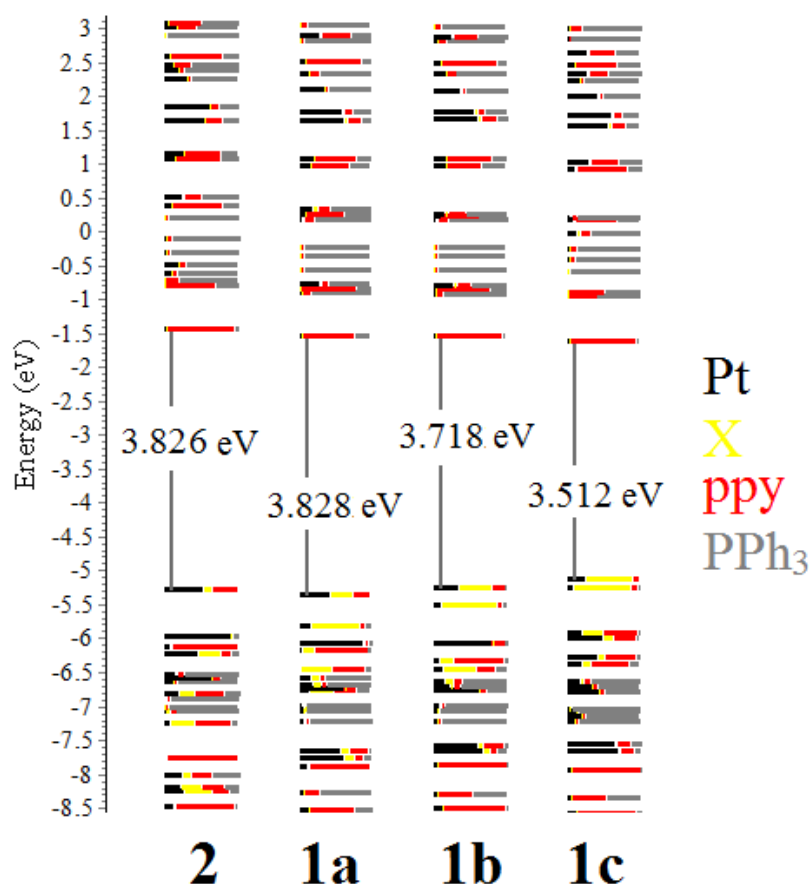


Figure 6. Comparative energy level diagram for the calculated MOs of **1a-c** and **2** in gas phase.

In order to understand the halide effect on the emission of these Pt complexes, TD-DFT calculations were performed in the gas phase. Figure 6 demonstrates the comparative diagram for the energy levels of the calculated MOs of **1a-c** and **2**. Similar to the solution states, the lowest electronic transitions are attributed to the HOMO→LUMO transition for all the complexes. The

HOMO-LUMO energy gap is almost on the decrease from **2** [3.826 eV], **1a** [3.828 eV], **1b** [3.718 eV] and **1c** [3.512 eV]), wherein the non-radiative metal-centered transitions are being reinforced. In all the cases, based on the contribution percentages shown in Table 2, the HOMO→LUMO transition is assigned as mixed ILCT/MLCT/XLCT characters. The contribution of halide ligands in HOMO increases from **2** [11 %], **1a** [30 %], **1b** [45 %] and **1c** [62 %]), while the contribution of ppy ligand decreases (Table 2, **2** [35 %], **1a** [27 %], **1b** [18 %] and **1c** [10 %]). As a result, the XLCT character grows and the ILCT character concedes (intra ligand transition in ppy) from **2** to **1c**, which is the major luminophoric transition. . On the other hand, the MLCT character (Pt→ppy), being another luminophoric transition, decreases from **2** to **1c** as a result of reduced contribution of Pt in HOMO from **2** to **1c** (Table 2, **2** [52 %], **1a** [43 %], **1b** [35 %] and **1c** [25 %]). All the above-mentioned increasing or decreasing trends are almost kept in triplet state (see HSOMO and LSOMO contribution percentages in Table 2, excluding **1c** which was not emissive). Therefore, the calculation results explain the decrease of Φ and increase of k_{nr} from **2** to **1c** (excluding **1c** which is non-emissive and does not have k_{nr} or k_r values) as a result of more involved XLCT that lowers the major emissive ILCT contributions in HOMO→LUMO transition.

C_{sp}³-F Bond Formation

Transition metal fluoro complexes are important intermediates in C-F bond activation/formation reactions.^{38, 48-52} To test its reactivity for fluorination reaction, **2** was reacted with methyl iodide, ethyl iodide and allyl bromide. In situ ¹⁹F NMR monitoring of the reactions (Figures S24–S26) showed the consumption of **2** and the concomitant formation of CH₃-F, C₂H₅-F, and allyl fluoride respectively at room temperature. The formation of the corresponding Pt complexes **1b** and **1c**, were observed in their ¹H and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra.⁴² The reaction

was much faster for allyl bromide (completed in 10 min at room temperature) compared with that for methyl iodide and ethyl iodide. The higher reactivity of allyl bromide might result from its more electron-deficient allylic carbon and/or its strong interaction with the metal center *via* coordination.⁵³

Table 2. Composition (%) of frontier MOs in S_0 and T_1 states in gas phase for **2** (X = F) and **1a-c** (X = Cl, Br, I).

Complex	MO	Energy (eV)	Components (%)			
			Pt	X	ppy	PPh ₃
2	LUMO	-1.459	5	1	88	7
	HOMO	-5.285	52	11	35	1
	HSOMO	-2.926	6	1	90	3
	LSOMO	-5.768	36	7	54	2
1a	LUMO	-1.547	5	1	89	6
	HOMO	-5.375	43	30	27	1
	HSOMO	-3.080	6	1	91	3
	LSOMO	-5.809	34	29	35	1
1b	LUMO	-1.546	5	1	89	5
	HOMO	-5.264	35	45	18	1
	HSOMO	-3.015	7	1	87	4
	LSOMO	-5.699	30	37	30	3
1c	LUMO	-1.624	5	1	89	5
	HOMO	-5.136	25	62	10	3

Conclusions

In summary, we report here the first example of a C^N-type cycloplatinated(II) fluoro complex. The complex exhibits an emission centered on the cyclometalated ligand in green region, being stronger (solid and solution) than its heavier halide derivatives (F > Cl > Br > I). The theoretical calculations indicate that the nature of halogen ligand significantly affects the emissions. TD-DFT calculations indicates that, from F to I, the contribution of XLCT character

in HOMO→LUMO transition is intensified, lowering the contribution of ILCT character as the center of emission. Besides, the new Pt–F complex is able to participate in Csp^3 –F bond formation reactions with alkyl halides. We are currently investigating the ligand electronic effect on the reactivity, the scope of the substrates and the mechanism of C–F bond formation.

Experimental Section

General Remarks

^1H NMR (700 MHz), $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (176 MHz), ^{19}F (376 MHz), $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (162 MHz) and $^{195}\text{Pt}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (64 MHz) spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 700, 400 or 300 MHz instruments at room temperature. All chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to their corresponding external standards (SiMe_4 for ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$, CFCl_3 for ^{19}F , 85% H_3PO_4 for $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$, Na_2PtCl_6 for $^{195}\text{Pt}\{^1\text{H}\}$). The instrument for HR ESI-Mass measurement was a Shimadzu IT-TOF with an electrospray ionization source, which is part of the Arkansas Statewide Mass Spectrometry Facility. UV-vis absorption spectra were recorded on a JASCO V-770 UV-visible/NIR spectrophotometer. Emission spectra were measured on a JASCO FP-8500 spectrofluorometer. The lifetimes were measured in the phosphorimeter mode and the quantum yields of the complexes were measured using an integrating sphere. The 2-phenylpyridine (ppy), triphenylphosphine (PPh_3), silver fluoride (AgF) and all the other chemicals were purchased from commercial resources. All the reactions were carried out under Argon atmosphere and in the common solvents and all solvents were purified and dried according to standard procedures before using.⁵⁴ The complexes $[\text{Pt}(\text{ppy})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}]$, **1a**, $[\text{Pt}(\text{ppy})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Br}]$, **1b**, $[\text{Pt}(\text{ppy})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{I}]$, **1c**, were prepared as published methods.⁴² The NMR labeling is shown in Scheme 1 for clarifying the chemical shift assignments.

Synthesis of [Pt(ppy)(PPh₃)F], **2**

To a solution of **1a** (200 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added AgF (55 mg, 0.43 mmol, 1.4 eq.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 days in dark at room temperature, and then filtered through cotton/Celite in a glass Pasteur pipette to remove AgCl. The resulting greenish solution was concentrated to a small volume (~ 1 mL) and *n*-hexane (5 mL) was added to precipitate **2** as a green solid. Yield: 87% (169 mg, 0.27 mmol). HR ESI-MS(+) *m/z* Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₃NNPt [M-F]⁺ 611.1215; Found 611.1206. Elem. Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₃FNPPt (630.55): C, 55.24; H, 3.68; N, 2.22; Found: C, 55.41; H, 3.74; N, 2.19. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 295 K): δ 9.07 (ddd, ³J_{PtH} = 28.3 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 4.8 Hz, ⁴J_{FH} = 8.7 Hz, ⁴J_{PH} = 4.1 Hz, 1H, H⁶), 7.94 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H⁴), 7.81 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H³), 7.74 (dd, ³J_{HH} = 7.8 Hz, ³J_{PH} = 11.2 Hz, 6H, H^o of PPh₃), 7.51 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H¹²), 7.48 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 3H, H^p of PPh₃), 7.41 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 6H, H^m of PPh₃), 7.36 (t, ³J_{HH} = 6.3 Hz, 1H, H⁵), 6.93 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.4 Hz, 1H, H¹¹), 6.52 (ddd, ³J_{PtH} = 49.1 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, ⁴J_{PH} = 3.9 Hz, 1H, H⁹), 6.50 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, 1H, H¹⁰); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (376 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 295 K): δ 164.9 (d, ³J_{Pc} = 3 Hz, C²), 146.8 (d, ²J_{Ptc} = 21 Hz, ³J_{Fc} = 13 Hz, C⁶), 146.1 (s, C⁷), 140.6 (s, C⁴), 139.6 (dd, ²J_{Ptc} = 83 Hz, ³J_{Fc} = 7 Hz, ³J_{Pc} = 5 Hz, C⁹), 135.6 (d, ³J_{Ptc} = 38 Hz, ²J_{Pc} = 13 Hz, C^o of PPh₃), 131.3 (d, ⁴J_{Pc} = 2 Hz, C^p of PPh₃), 129.8 (dd, ³J_{Ptc} = 57 Hz, ⁴J_{Pc} = 2 Hz, ⁴J_{Fc} = 4 Hz, C¹⁰), 129.7 (d, ¹J_{Pc} = 61 Hz, C^{ipso} of PPh₃), 128.6 (d, ³J_{Pc} = 10 Hz, C^m of PPh₃), 124.0 (s, ³J_{Ptc} = 30 Hz, C¹²), 123.4 (s, C¹¹), 122.3 (d, ³J_{Ptc} = 16 Hz, ⁴J_{Pc} = 2 Hz, C⁵), 118.7 (d, ³J_{Ptc} = 17 Hz, ⁴J_{Pc} = 2 Hz, C³); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 295 K): δ -241.4 (d, ¹J_{PtF} = 340 Hz, ²J_{PF} = 17 Hz, 1F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 295 K): δ 24.0 (d, ¹J_{PtP} = 4406 Hz, ²J_{PF} = 17 Hz, 1P); ¹⁹⁵Pt{¹H} NMR (64 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 295 K): δ -3917 (dd, ¹J_{PtP} = 4411 Hz ¹J_{PtF} = 342 Hz, 1Pt).

Monitoring the Reaction of 2 with Alkyl Halides (MeI, EtI and AllylBr) by NMR Spectroscopy

To a solution of **2** (10 mg, 0.016 mmol) in acetone-*d*₆ (0.75 mL) in an NMR tube was added the appropriate alkyl halides (10 μ lit, 0.16 mmol for MeI; 26 μ lit, 0.32 mmol for EtI; 2 μ lit, 0.025 mmol for AllylBr) at 298 K. The tube was then placed in the probe of the NMR spectrometer, and NMR spectra were obtained at appropriate time intervals. (Figures S24–S26)

X-ray Structure Determination

Single crystal X-ray diffraction intensity data of **2** was collected at 100(2) K using a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromated MoK α radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å). Data reduction was carried out using the program Bruker SAINT⁵⁵ and an empirical absorption correction was applied based on multi-scan method.⁵⁶ The structure of **2** was solved by direct method and refined by the full-matrix least-square technique on $|F|^2$ with anisotropic thermal parameters to describe the thermal motions of all non-hydrogen atoms using the programs (SHELXS-14)⁵⁷ and (SHELXL-18),⁵⁸ respectively. All hydrogen atoms were located from difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. The appropriate crystals of **2** were obtained by slow evaporation of its saturated solution in CH₂Cl₂/diisopropyl ether at room temperature. The summary of crystal data and relevant structure refinement parameters for **2** (CCDC 2008721) are given in Table S1.

Computational Details

Density functional calculations were performed with the program suite Gaussian09⁵⁹ using the B3LYP level of theory⁶⁰⁻⁶². The LANL2DZ basis set was chosen to describe Pt^{63, 64} and the 6-31G(d) basis set was chosen for other atoms. The geometries of complexes were fully optimized by employing the density functional theory without imposing any symmetry constraints. In order

to ensure the optimized geometries, frequency calculations were performed employing analytical second derivatives. Time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) calculations were carried out at the same level of theory and basis sets. Solvent effects have been considered by the conductor-like polarizable continuum model (CPCM)^{65, 66}. The calculations for the electronic absorption spectra by time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) were performed at the same level of theory.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information.

The Supporting Information is available free of charge on the ACS Publications website at DOI: 10.1021/acs.inorgchem.?????. Synthesis, characterization data, and experimental methods (PDF). NMR and HR ESI-MS spectra of **2**, excitation and emission spectra, computational data of complexes (PDF). Crystallographic data (CIF). Cartesian coordinates (XYZ).

Accession Codes

CCDC 2008721 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge *via* www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif, or by emailing data_request@ccdc.cam.ac.uk, or by contacting The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44 1223 336033.

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